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SUBJ: POTENTIAL THREAT OF EXPULSION FOR SWISS AND CANADIAN MISSIONARIES

1. DURING TOMBALBAYE'S NOVEMBER 21 PRESS CONFERENCE PARIS, WE UNDERSTAND SWISS AND CANADIAN MISSIONARIES WERE CITED BY REPORTERS AS SOURCES OF UNFAVORABLE INTERNATIONAL REPORTS ABOUT YONDOH INITIATIONS CHAD. TOMBALBAYE REPORTEDLY FURIOUS ABOUT BEING QUESTIONED AT ALL ON SUBJECT, WHICH IS SUPPOSEDLY VERY CLOSELY GUARDED SECRET. THREE SWISS MISSIONARIES DETAINED BY GOC AUTHORITIES DURING PAST WEEK ALONG WITH AVIATION FELLOWSHIP AIRCRAFT THAT SERVES ENTIRE PROTESTANT MISSIONARY COMMUNITY IN CHAD. STATUS OF SWISS NOT YET DETERMINED, BUT THEY MAY BE EXPELLED. JOSEPH CLERC, DIRECTOR LOCAL AID MISSION, LOOKING AFTER SWISS SITUATION. NO PRESSURE YET APPLIED DIRECTLY TO CANADIANS, BUT SITUATION COULD CHANGE AT ANY MOMENT.

2. REV STROHSCHEIN, CANADIAN NATIONAL AND FIELD DIRECTOR OF MISSION EVANGELLQUE, PROVIDED MUCH OF ABOVE INFORMATION AND ASKED THAT CANADIAN EMBASSY BE INFORMED SITUATION. STROHSCHEIN SAYS THERE ARE TWENTY-TWO CANADIAN PROTESTANT MISSIONARIES AND DEPENDENTS THAT COULD BE AFFECTED BY ANY GOC RETALIATORY ACTION.
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EMBASSY TRYING TO PASS ABOVE INFORMATION TO OLIVIER TREMBLAY,

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NEW CANADIAN LIAISON AGENT NDJAMENA, BUT THUS FAR UNABLE TO
CONTACT HIM.

3. FOR YAOUNDE: PLEASE PASS ABOVE TO CANADIAN EMBASSY.

4. NO INDICATION AMERICAN MISSIONARIES CHAD IN DANGER OF ARREST
OR EXPULSION.
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